

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2183**  
ANSWERED ON- 15/12/2023

**MISUSE OF AADHAAR CARDS IN PASSPORTS**

2183. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Ministry of External Affairs is considering any proposal to not accept Aadhaar card as a document of proof of age while applying for passports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of Aadhaar cards being misused in documentation concerning issuing of passports;
- (d) whether incidents of significant mismatch between the age mentioned in the Aadhaar card and the physical appearance of the passport applicant are observed during verification for passport applications; and
- (e) if so, the details of rejected passports due to mismatch in documents during the last two years and current year, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to e) Ministry of External Affairs does not accept Aadhaar as proof of date of birth for the purpose of obtaining passport.

In some cases it has been observed that there appears to be a mismatch between the age mentioned in the Aadhaar card and the physical appearance of the passport applicant. Such applications are further processed on submission of other documents in support of date of birth such as birth certificate, educational certificates etc.

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